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## APPARATUS FOR METHOD OF RECORDING A LOCATION OF AN OBJECT HAVING AN EXTERNALLY VIEWABLE IDENTIFIER ABSTRACT

An apparatus for a method of recording a location of an object having an externally viewable identifier includes a camera for capturing an image of the object identifier and a computer connected to the camera for receiving and processing the object image to identify characters of the object identifier. A locator provides an indication of the location of the object. Means are provided for outputting information, including the characters of the object identifier and the indication of the object location. The outputted information can be stored in a computer database for subsequent determination of the location of the object. The apparatus can be mounted on a vehicle for enhanced mobility.

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